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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 October 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

Final Rejection

The Status of Claims

Claims 1-6 are pending.

Claims 1-6 are rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

The rejection of Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, has been withdrawn due to the modification of the claims in the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. Applicants' argument filed 10/19/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The rejection Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor (Synthesis, 7, p.554-555; 1980) in view of Yang et al (J. Org. Chem. 2001, 66, 4814-4818)

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Applicants' Argument

2. The combined prior art do not disclose that the 3,3-dimethyl-2-formylcyclopropane carboxylic acid of the formula (2) can be obtained in a good yield by reacting a 3,3-dimethyl-2-(2-methyl-1-propenyl)cyclopropanecarboxylic acid of the formula (1) with a periodic acid in the presence of a small amount of a ruthenium compound from 0.1 to 0.46 mol % in comparison with 3.5 mol % disclosed in the prior art Yang et al since it is about ten times as much as the amount used in the present invention.

Applicants' arguments have been noted, but the arguments are not persuasive.

First, regarding applicants' argument, the Examiner has noted applicants' arguments. However, the claims are directed to the process of making the 3,3-dimethyl-2-formylcyclopropane carboxylic acid of the formula (2) by reacting a 3,3-dimethyl-2-(2-methyl-1-propenyl)cyclopropanecarboxylic acid of the formula (1) with a periodic acid in

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the presence of a ruthenium compound. There is no limitation about the specific amount of the catalyst to be used in the claimed process. A claim referring to the specification is improper; Applicants have a legal right on whatever applicants claimed within the boundary of the specification. Furthermore, regarding the yield, Yang et al shows 80 %, whereas the present invention claims 80 %, or more; they are close enough so that it is reasonable to say that the yield of the process is related directly to the optimization.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to the skilled artisan in the art to be motivated to prefer Yang's et al ruthenium catalyzed oxidation to the ozonization of the olefin in the Taylor process in order to optimize the yield of the desired product by routine experimentation on the amount of the catalyst. This is because the skilled artisan in the art would expect such a manipulation to be reasonable in order to increase the yield as shown in the Yang et al (see p.4814, lines 6-16). Therefore, applicants' argument is not persuasive.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

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will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Taylor Victor Oh whose telephone number is 571-272-0689. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas McKenzie can be reached on 571-272-0670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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